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SUMMARY: CONGRESSMAN CRANE, ON RETURN FROM VISIT TO
PORTUGUESE AFRICA, PRAISED GOP OVERSEAS POLICY, ATTACKED
FRELIMO, AND ASSERTED FREE WORLD'S FUTURE LINKED TO
PORTUGAL'S. END SUMMARY.

1. ENROUTE TO US AFTER TWO WEEK VISIT MOZAMBIQUE AND
ANGOLA, CONGRESSMAN PHILIP CRANE GAVE SHORT INTERVIEW
MARCH 3 AT LISBON AIRPORT TO REPRESENTATIVES PORTUGUESE
PRESS. INTERVIEW SUBSEQUENTLY BROADCAST ON EVENING
TELEVISION AND CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE EPOCA AND DIARIO
DE NOTICIAS.

2. CONGRESSMAN, PRAISING WHAT HE TERMED "EXTRAORDINARY
WORK" GOP CARRYING OUT IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE IN
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL FIELDS, PROMISED
TRY CONVINCE OTHERS OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO VISIT
PORTUGUESE AFRICA. HE STRESSED THAT LACK OF UNBIASED
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INFORMATION ON PORTUGUESE AFRICA AND LIBERATION MOVE-

MENTS CAUSES AMERICAN PEOPLE TO OPPOSE GOP'S OVERSEAS
POLICY. FRELIMO, HE ASSERTED, IS NOT LIBERATION GROUP,
BUT RATHER TOTALLY SUBSERVIENT TO INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNISM AND WHICH MURDERS INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN
CONTINUOUS ATTACKS ON NON-MILITARY TARGETS.

3. CRANE, REFERRING TO STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE AZORES AND
PORTS OF NACALA AND LOBITO, ALSO SAID "FREE WORLD"
URGENTLY NEEDS TO REALIZE ITS FUTURE IS LINKED TO
PORTUGAL'S. THE US IN PARTICULAR, HE STRESSED, MUST
NOT FORGET PORTUGAL IS FAITHFUL AND HONEST ALLY.
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